

Natural gas offers attractive investment opportunities in the transport sector

American trucks switch to alternative fuels

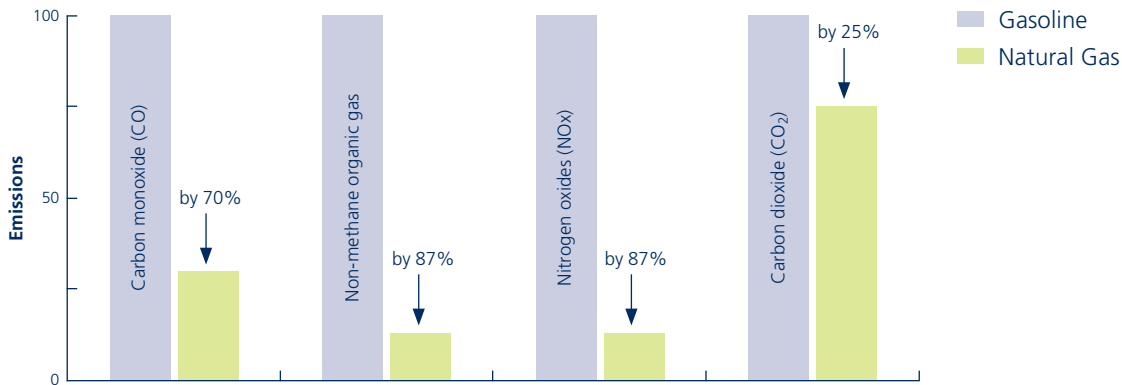


FIGURE: NATURAL GAS CAN REDUCE EXHAUST EMISSIONS

Source: Natural Gas Vehicles for America

An increasing number of trucks in the US are switching to natural gas, which offers several competitive advantages compared to traditional fuels.

Research undertaken by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency shows that the CO₂ emissions of natural gas vehicles (NGV) are about 20-25 percent lower than those of gasoline-powered cars and heavy-duty diesel vehicles. Other benefits are significantly lower emission of toxic and carcinogenic pollutants, and little or no emission of particulates. In addition, driving with natural gas costs on average one-third less than driving with conventional gasoline.

In an effort to reduce its dependence on foreign oil, cut urban emissions and reduce greenhouse gases, the US has introduced strong incentives to encourage the purchase and use of NGVs. At present NGVs only consume 3 percent of the

energy used for road transportation in the US, which leaves ample room for growth.

Against this backdrop, we are seeing investment opportunities emerging in the transportation sector, ranging from engine conversion technologies to natural gas distributors.

“Natural gas is gaining momentum as an alternative transport fuel to support initiatives to cut greenhouse gas emissions. Environmental considerations as well as economics support this transition. Investors can profit from attractive investment opportunities.”



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